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SUBJECT: THAI FOREIGN POLICY

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1. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE "BANGKOK POST" OF OCTOBER 23
CARRIES A SHORT FRONT PAGE ARTICLE STATING THAT THAI-
LAND'S FOREIGN POLICY UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE
MORE FLEXIBLE THAN BEFORE AND WILL EMPHASIZE "NATIONAL
INTERESTS" IINSTEAD OF "BENDING WITH THE FREE WORLD".
THE ARTICLES GOES ON TO CITE UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES AS
SAYING THAT THE RTG WILL BEFRIEND ALL COUNTRIES NOT
HOSTILE TO THAILAND IRRESPECTIVE OF IDEOLOGY, OR OF
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUND. ALSO THAT THAILAND
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WILL REMAIN ACTIVE IN REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH

EXISTING REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ULTIMATE NEUTRALIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. THE ABOVE IS REPRESENTED AS A PRECIS OF A FULL DRESS FOREIGN POLICY DECLARATION SCHEDULED FOR PRESENTATION BEFORE THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 25. WE WILL OBTAIN AND TRANSMIT THE FULL TEXT OF THAT DECLARATION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

3. CHINESE PAPERS CARRIED ARTICLES OCTOBER 20 SAYING THAT NATIONAL STUDENT CENTER OF THAILAND (NSCT) REPRESENTATIVES HAD ASKED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) TO NEGOTIATE THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM THAILAND AND TO OPEN RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE MFA AMERICA DESK OFFICER HAS TOLD US THAT HE WAS PRESENT DURING A MEETING IN WHICH NSCT LEADERS ASKED THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, CHARUNPHAN ISSARANGUN NA AYUTTHAYA, ABOUT RTG POLICIES IN THESE AREAS. ACCORDING TO THE DIVISION CHIEF, THE NSCT DID NOT URGE A SPECIFIC POLICY COURSE, BUT ASKED ONLY FOR INFORMATION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER BEGGED FOR TIME AND DID NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFIC RESPONSES.
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